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**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111 (REPLACEMENT COPY)**

Dear Sir:

In response to the June 26, 2002 Official Action (Paper No. 11) please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please insert the following as the first paragraph on page 1 of the description: [-This application is a 35 U.S.C. 371 of PCT/GB99/00583, filed February 26, 1999.--

After the claims, please insert the attached "Abstract".

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 42-53, 64-65, 67, 71, 72, 80 and 90 as follows:

42. (Amended) An isolated peptide consisting essentially of at least one human MHC-binding epitope of the Tek protein having the amino acid sequence of Fig. 1 (SEQ ID NO. 1), the peptide being substantially free of sequences of native human Tek protein which are not part of said at least one

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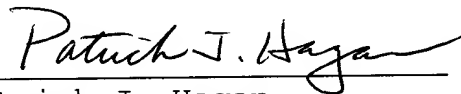
**RESPONSE**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Communication dated February 26, 2003 in the above-identified patent application, submitted herewith is a replacement copy of applicants' Amendment and Request for Reconsideration Under 37 C.F.R. §1.111, filed December 26, 2002 (hereinafter "the December 26<sup>th</sup> Amendment"). In the replacement copy of the December 26<sup>th</sup> Amendment submitted herewith, the underlining which was inadvertently included in claims 42 and 90 of the original December 26<sup>th</sup> Amendment, at pages 2, 3 and 6, respectively, has been removed.

Favorable reconsideration and allowance of this application is again respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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Enclosure